

## **Paying for Out-of-Home Care for Waukesha County Children**

Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services

Parents may be billed for care when a child is placed and receives care in any of the following:

- Residential Care Center for Children & Youth
- Group home
- Foster home
- Department of Corrections Facility

Parents may be billed up to the full cost of care for each child who is placed outside the home by court order.

### **However:**

1. Many parents cannot afford the entire cost of these services; therefore, the state has established a sliding fee scale to determine whether or not a parent **may pay less** than the full cost.
2. An account clerk from Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services will be available to assist you in completing the required information.
3. In order to be considered for a reduction of the full cost, you must provide information that includes:
  - Verification of gross income (federal tax return) of all family members
  - Court-ordered amounts paid by family members such as support and maintenance
  - The names and birth dates of family members and their relationship to the child in care
4. The account clerk uses the information you give and the percentage of income standard to figure your monthly support.
5. If the child in care has income or social security benefits, the benefits will be reassigned to the Waukesha County Department of Health & Human Services.
6. Your amount of monthly support will be reviewed on an annual basis. You may also request a review of your monthly support if your income or family size changes.
7. The Waukesha County Department of Health & Human Services will notify you by letter when your amount of monthly support has been calculated.
8. We will make every effort to work out special payment plans for people who have difficulty making required payments.
9. The legal basis for the Uniform Fee System is described in detail in the Wisconsin Administrative Code: HFS 1.01 – 1.07.

If you have questions about payment for services, you may contact the Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services at: (262) 896-8426.